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Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for giving Natural England the opportunity to comment on the report produced by your consultant Robin Carr. At our recent Trail Partnership Meeting you advised that I could tender our comments to you directly to feed in to the next steps of the DMMO process. Which is why I am also copying [REDACTED] as Trail Partnership Chair and [REDACTED] as Trail Project Lead.

Our response is based on the need to clarify some aspects of Mr Carr's report. Specifically, in respects of paragraphs 7.4 and 7.5 of the report, where we would like to make the following corrections/ points of clarity:

1. The approved line of the King Charles III England Coast Path (KCIIECP) coincides with the application route. Because the developers have turned the pathway into gardens, and blocked the entrance to the site, the KCIIECP had to be temporary re-routed until the situation has been resolved. Guidebooks and maps are therefore correct, insofar as they show the approved line of the National Trail.
2. Mr Carr is incorrect to state that the KCIIECP is an 'aspirational' route. Where the trail is not aligned on existing routes such as Public Rights of Way, once the route is commenced by the Secretary of State, new rights of access under Part 1 of the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000 are created, and those rights apply to both the route of the National Trail and its associated coastal margin, subject to some national rules and local exceptions under Schedules 1 & 2 to the Act.
3. It should be noted that the CROW Act makes it clear at s12(3) that the use of access rights provided under the Act, cannot be used as evidence of historic use in a case such as this.

I trust you find this information helpful.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED] (on behalf of Natural England)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 September 2023 08:11  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Long Row DMMO Update

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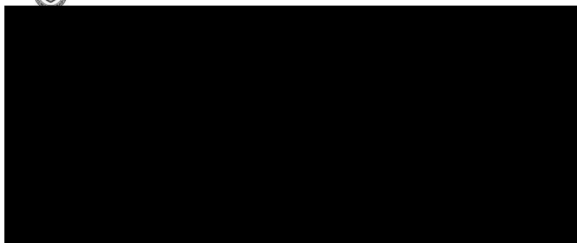
The Council have agreed an extension of time for submitting comments on the report of Robin Carr Associates until 5pm on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

We have also today notified the applicant and other parties that the period for submitting comments on the report has been extended to 5pm, 27<sup>th</sup> October.

Once the deadline has passed, Officers shall consider whether comments submitted raise any issues that require further investigation or action prior to referral to Planning Committee.

The application will be referred to Committee for a final decision as soon as possible after this.

Regards



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